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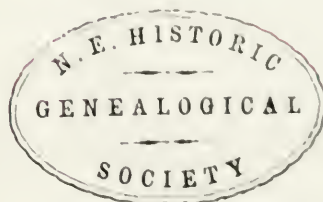
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BARTHOLOMEW AND RICHARD CHEEVER AND SOME OF THEIR DESCENDANTS.

THE article entitled "Ezekiel Cheever and some of his Descendants," published by me in the REGISTER for April, 1879 (xxxiii. 164), contained a biographical notice of Ezekiel Cheever, the famous master of the Boston Latin School, who was born in London, Jan. 25, 1614, and who died here in Boston, August 21, 1708, with some account of his descendants in the line of his eldest son, the Rev. Samuel Cheever (Harv. Coll. 1659), the first settled minister of Marblehead. Proof of the common ancestry of most of those who are now known to have borne the name of Cheever in colonial times in New England, is clearly furnished by the public records, and may be briefly referred to here. BARTHOLOMEW CHEEVER, of Boston, cordwainer, in his will, dated Oct. 21, 1693, probated Dec. 28, 1693, mentions his brother Daniel Cheever and his cousins Ezekiel Cheever, schoolmaster, and Richard Cheever. DANIEL CHEEVER, of Cambridge, husbandman, in his will dated April 30, 1698, probated June 21, 1704, speaks of his brother Bartholomew Cheever, of Boston, deceased. PETER CHEEVER, of Salem, glover, in his will, dated July 15, 1699, probated August 7, 1699, calls Samuel Cheever, of Marblehead, his cousin. Administration on the estate of ABRAHAM CHEEVER, of Boston, was granted to Mr. Joshua Atwater, 12: 11: 1669-70, his brother Bartholomew Cheever declining the same. In Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 4, fol. second from the end, there is recorded a writ of execution issued upon a judgment recovered at the County Court held at Boston, 29 October, 1661, by Richard Woody against PHILLIP CHEEVERS.* The names of neither Philip nor Abraham Cheever are mentioned by Savage.

The purpose of this paper is to give a brief account of Bartholomew and Richard Cheever, and some of the descendants of the latter, as a contribution to a genealogy of the Cheever family. There is now in the possession of Dr. George Cheyne Shattuck, of Boston (Harv. Coll. 1831), a family bible,† in which his great-grandfather, William Downes Cheever (1720-1788), has written the following:

* This execution was extended 31st 10mo. 1661, upon the body of Anthony, a negro, and he was delivered to said Woody with 31s. 1d. on the estate of Capt. Thomas Clark, surety for said Cheever, as costs and 2s. for the execution. There was levy upon this negro another execution (recorded *ibid*) issued upon a judgment recovered at said court, Jan. 30, 1661, against said Woody by "The Board of Boston merchants." The Court Records for this period cannot now be found, and are supposed to have been destroyed. The Court files, or what remain of them, are in great confusion, and a diligent search has thus far failed to discover any thing further about this Philip Cheever.

† I am indebted to Dr. Frederick Cheever Shattuck, of Boston (Harv. Coll. 1888), a son of Dr. George Cheyne Shattuck, above named, for this extract from the Cheever bible. He has also kindly transcribed from it the following entries:

"In the year 1637, Came Over from the City of Canterbury*, in in England, A Certain Barth^o. Cheever, aged then about 30 years, Who settled here in Boston. With what he brought, & by his frugality and Industry, He saved a handsome Estate for the then times. He having no Children of his Own in 1667 He sent to Canterbury to his Brother Daniell for One of his sons, the 2 first refused Coming his 3^d. & youngest son Richard then 7 year Old, accepted, and in 1668 Came over to his uncle, and brought With him this Bible. It, on leaving Canterbury was given him by his Fathers sister Mary Fuller. His uncle Barth^o. Educated & brought him up. & in 1680 this

"Richard Cheever Was Born in Mercerey Lane in the City of Canterbury 1660 in England.

Barth^o. Cheever, son to Richard, was Born in Boston N. Eng^d. Decem. 2 1684.

Daniell Cheever Brother to Barth^o. Was Born in Boston N. E. August 8th 1696.

W. D. Cheever Eldest Son to Daniell Was Born in Boston July 18th 1720.

W. D. Cheever and Elish Edwards Was marry^d, by the Rev^d. Mr. Jonathⁿ Mayhew, May 4th 1749.

Elean^r Cheever Was Born $\frac{1}{2}$ Past 3 aClock in morn^g Feb 1 1749-50.

Will^m Cheever Was Born at Menotomy $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 aClock morn^g July 27 1752.

Barth^o Cheever Was Born $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 aClock Afternoon July 4 1757. Died Oct. 30 1757.

Elish Cheever Was Born 11 aClock Beforenoon Nov 29 1758.

Nath^l Peirce Was marry^d to Elish Cheever 2^d Oct 1777 by Rev. S. Howard.

W^m Cheever only son to W. D. Cheever Died Satterdy 2^d Dec 1 Past 12 Noon 1786.

Caleb Davis Was marry^d to Elean^r Cheever mondy Sept. 3 1787 by Rev. Doct Howard.

John Derby Was marry^d to Elish Peirce Tuesdy Oct 9 1787 by Rev. Doct Howard.

W. D. Cheever Died Saturday 2^d Feb 1788 at 7 afternoon.

Elizabeth Cheever Died June 28 1802 aged 72.

Eliza Cheever Davis was born Saturday Jan 9 1790 died June 15 1829.

Eleanor Davis died Jan 29 1825. Elizabeth Derby died Sept 11 1831

Richard and Abigail Cheever was marry^d 7 October 1690 near 7 in evening at

barthollmew Cheever was born 9 Septem 1681 ner 2 in

barthollmew Cheever died Septem 20 1681 about 5 in morning.

Susannah Cheever was born 27 August 1682 about 4 in morning.

barthollmew Cheever was born 2 decem 1681 about 1 in morning.

Marey Cheever was born 21 decem 1686 about 5 in Evening.

Sarah Cheever was born 15 April 1689 about 4 in the morning.

Marey Cheever dyed May 16 in the year 1690 about 5 in the after [].

Marey Cheever was born January 2 1694 about 7 in morning.

Uncle barthollmew Cheever died decem 18 1693 about 6 in Evening.

Abigail Cheever was born 7 April 1691 about 9 in morning.

Daniell Cheever was born 8 August 1696 about 8 in Evening.

James Cheever was born 22 November 1698 about half past 9 Evening.

Hannah Cheever was born 27 January 1699-1700 about ten in Evening.

James Cheever died 9 September 1700 about one in the day.

Hannah Cheever died 22 September 1700 about one in the day.

Hannah Cheever born 5 July 1702 about half over past 12 at noon.

Hannah Cheever died 14 July 1702 about three in the morning.

[In the handwriting of Bartholomew Cheever, son of Richard, and great nephew of Bartholomew Cheever.]

Bart^m Cheever was marry^d to mrs. Hannah Frankling novem^r y^e 5 1729.

Hannah Cheever Departed this Life July y^e 13, about $\frac{1}{2}$ past Seven in y^e morning. If she had lived till y^e forth of September She would have bin 33 years of age 1732.

January y^e 21 1732-3 this morning my Honored mother Departed this Life about twenty minets past three in the morning in the 73 year of her age Abigail Cheever.

Bart^m Cheever was marry^d to m^{rs}. Elezeberth Edwards novem^r y^e 15 1733.

My wife El^z Cheever Departed this Life January y^e 28 between five and Sex oclock in y^e Morning 1760."

[On a slip of paper affixed to the cover]

Daniel Cheever . . Died, Boston, 18. Decem. 1770.

Abigail Cheever . . Died, Princetown, 1. May 1771.

Mary Cheever . . Died, Taunton, 7. Aug^t 1775.

Sarah Carnes. . . Died, Boston 31 Octo^r 1782.

* See Coll. Mass. Hist. Soc., 3d Series, viii. 310. Judge Sewall, who sailed from Boston Nov. 22, 1688, for England, kept a journal during his visit there, from which the following is taken:

"Aug. 16 [1689]. From Sittingburn to Canterbury In the Rain, dine at the Crown: Mr. Powell; send for Con. Fissenden, his Sister dead since my being there, and my Landlady at the red Lion dead. Bought each of us a pair of Gloves of Mr. Chiever. From Canterbury to Sandwich with the Post." (Diary I. 272.)

Richard being then about 20 year old, he married and became the Father of Sevrall Children, Sons & Daughters, the Eldest son he Calld Barth°. after his uncle who had sent for and Educated him. In the year 1693 Barth°. Cheever made his Will and Died aged 86 years. He left many Legacys to his Brother Daniels 7 Children & others. One full third of his Estate, with the Improvement of the remainder, he Left to his wife Liddia During her Natural Life, and after her Decease, then to his Cousin Richard, During his Naturall Life, and after said Richards Decease, then to s^d Richards Eldest son Barth°.

" Richard Cheever died in France, Taken in his Way Home to England, about the year 1704.

" Barth°. Cheever having Possession of the Estate left him by his great uncle & Father Improved the same many years and on Aprill 8th, 1772, He Died aged 88 years. He having no Children & buried 2 Wives, after giving several Legacys Left the rest & Residue of his Estate to me, his Brother Daniels Eldest son, who had then been 16 year in Partnership with him in the Sugar Baking Busyness.

2011554 W. D. CHEEVER."

This account, which, like most family traditions, is an amusing mixture of fact and fancy, was printed in the Boston Monthly Magazine for May, 1826 (l. 619), as a note to a "Memoir of Mrs. Eleanor Davis," a daughter of William Downes Cheever. Mr. Savage says of it :

" Dr. Farmer was misled by traditional errors in extract from the family bible of W. D. Cheever, as printed in note to a memoir of Mrs. Eleanor Davis, given by the Boston Magazine 4 Apr. [sic] 1826, p. 619. Such happy depositories of family details often furnish distorted or imperfect materials" (Gen. Dict. I. 371).

The father of Richard Cheever could not have been Bartholomew's brother Daniel, for the names of the children of the latter are distinctly mentioned in the wills of the two brothers, and they were, so far as is now known, all born in New England, where Daniel Cheever was living as early as 1645. The following account is compiled from the public records themselves, without regard to tradition. Births, deaths and marriages are given as they are found in the town and church records. Where dates are there wanting the loss has been supplied from the list in the Cheever bible, those so added being placed in brackets, in order that they may be readily distinguished.

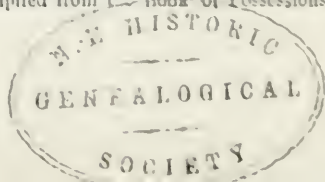
I. BARTHOLOMEW¹ CHEEVER, of Boston, cordwainer, was admitted a member of the First Church,* May 31, 1646, and was made freeman† 26 May, 1647. His estate is thus described in the Book of Possessions‡ (p. 21)) "The possssion of Bartholomew Cheevers wthin the

Bartholomew Cheever.
1646.

* Transcript of the Records of the First Church, Boston, in the Library of the Mass. Hist. Society.

† Mass. Coll. Records, ii. 295.

‡ Mr. Lamb in his map of "Old Boston compiled from the Book of Possessions," pub-



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limits of Boston. One house & garden bounded with the streets south-east: the cove northwest: & on the northeast Robert Hull." He was chosen constable* 14, 1: 1652-3, and sealer of leather,† 4: 1: 1658-9. In the Journal‡ of Capt. John Hull, 'Treasurer at Warr,' and afterward Treasurer to the Colony, his name is found under date of March 24, 1675. Whether this entry relates to military service or not, is not quite clear. He was one of the inspectors chosen, April 24, 1676, under an order of the General Court, passed Oct. 13, 1674, to prevent excessive drinking in private houses,§ and was one of the signers of the petition of the "Handy-craftsmen, a very considerable part of the Town of Boston," to the General Court,|| May 29, 1677, for protection in their several callings. At

lished by the Trustees of the Public Library, Boston, 1881, does not attempt to show this lot. Mr. Winsor, in the Memorial History of Boston (II. vi.), indicates the tract on the West side of Hanover Street, between Cross and Blackstone Streets, and says, "Zaccheus Bosworth land hereabout. Also probably in this neighborhood, but not easily placed, the houses and gardens of Bartholomew Cheever, John Arnold, John Jackson and a lot of Robert Hull the blacksmith." I have spent no little time in trying to fix the exact site of Bartholomew Cheever's house and garden, but the result of the search has not thus far been very satisfactory. The index now in use to deeds recorded in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds prior to A.D. 1800, is extremely defective and cannot be relied upon. It will have to be superseded shortly by a new and better one. But this is not all. The whole system of indexing the land records is a very imperfect one. It occasions an enormous waste of time and ruin of eyesight, and even then there are lands the titles to which cannot be examined by means of the indices now provided for the purpose. In "Some Suggestions on the Proper Mode of Indexing the Public Records," published by me in the REGISTER for January, 1880 (xxxiv. 41), the disadvantages under which the searcher now labors are set forth more at length. The conveyancer of the future will have much better facilities afforded him than we now have, and will be able to trace the titles to estates, which can only be done imperfectly, if at all, under the present system, after much wearisome toil and drudgery.

The estate which is at what is now the southwest corner of Blackstone and Hanover Streets was the property of Bartholomew Cheever as early at least as 1653. It extended from "the long street over Mill Bridge" [Hanover St.] to "the lane leading down upon Mill Creek" [Link Alley, afterward North Federal Court, discontinued by order of the Board of Aldermen September 7, 1857, and now for the most part built over. (See Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 738, fol. 35-43, 128-134; Lib. 739, fol. 214; Lib. 742, fol. 68; Lib. 1415, fol. 199)]. Here Bartholomew Cheever was living at the time of his death in 1693. In his will he describes it as a "dwelling house, shop, cellars, yard, garden," with "ye conduit" near it, and after the decease of his wife Lydia he devises it to his "consin" Richard Cheever, until Bartholomew Cheever, son of Richard, shall come to the age of twenty-one years, and then to said Bartholomew in fee.

By the will of Bartholomew Cheever, the second of the name, probated April 17, 1772, the estate passed to William Downes Cheever, his nephew and residuary legatee and devisee. William Downes Cheever by his will, probated Feb. 12, 1788, devised to his daughter Elizabeth, "my Estate near the Mill Bridge situated on Hanover Street, & now under lease to Mr. Richards" [Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 186, fol. 93]. By her will (No. 29647), dated May 29, 1827, probated Sept. 19, 1831, she devised the rest and residue of her estate to "Dr. George Cheyne Shattuck & Eliza his wife, and their heirs forever." Eliza Cheever (Davis) Shattuck died June 15, 1828, intestate. Dr. George Cheyne Shattuck died March 18, 1854, testate, leaving a widow, Amelia H. Shattuck, who died Nov. 10, 1865, and as his only next of kin a son Dr. George Cheyne Shattuck. The latter, his residuary legatee, now owns the estate.

Thus for more than two centuries this piece of property has been in the possession of the same family, although now in the female line. In the outlying suburbs and recently annexed districts of Boston, lands may of course be found which have been in the occupation of some one family for several generations. But in the city proper, where the character of neighborhoods is undergoing constant change, where the encroachments of business are incessant, and where whole quarters, but recently occupied by dwelling houses, are now covered with warehouses and shops, it is very unusual indeed for real estate to remain in the hands of members of the family of the original owner for such a length of time. If there is another instance in old Boston of an ancestral estate so held from the early days of the Colony, until now, without having been once conveyed to strangers by deed, I should be glad to be informed of the fact.

* Town Records, i. 103.

† *Ibid.* i. 149.

‡ A MS. Journal in the library of the N. E. Hist. Gen. Society containing the treasurer's accounts. Those relating to the military affairs of the colony begin June 25, 1675, and the general accounts of the government May 19 following.

§ Town Records, ii. 98.

|| Drake's Hist. of Boston, p. 427.

a General Court,* held in Boston, March 17, 1681-2, he was made Lieutenant by the following order: "In ans^s to the motion of the officers of the late Capt. Thomas Savage his company, Ephraim Sauage, his son, is appointed & ordered by this Court to be captain of said company, & Bartholmew Cheevers to be his leiftenant." Sept. 29, 1690, he was chosen one of the tithingmen.† He died‡ in Boston, Dec. 18, 1693, leaving a widow Lydia, the sister of John and Thomas Barrett, of Marlborough, husbandmen, and of William Barrett, of Cambridge, tailor, but no issue. His will (No. 2108), dated Oct. 21, 1693, was probated Dec. 28, 1693. His widow Lydia left a will (No. 2724), dated Feb. 22, 1699-1700, probated March 14, 1701. These wills are interesting to the genealogist, as they mention many relatives and family connections. His estate was appraised at £90 l: 15: 00, beside additional property not reckoned in the sum total. The real estate.§ exclusive of land in Cambridge, shown in the inventory, is as follows:

His dwelling house & ground	200 00 00
Conduit	
A house formerly Gaudy James his	050 00 00
The Brick house & ground	200 00 00
The house that Rich. Cheever lives in	200 00 00
The pasture neer y ^e Mildmaie	080 00 00

I. RICHARD¹ CHEEVER, of Boston, cordwainer. His name appears in the Treasurer's Accounts|| before referred to, for military service in King Philip's war, under date of June 24, 1676, and again Aug. 21, 1676. At a town meeting held in Boston March 10, 1683-4, "Cheever"¹ was chosen one of the surveyors for Boston.¶ Richard Cheever was made one of the tithingmen** May 11, 1685, and again March 11, 1691-5. At a town meeting†† held March 14, 1691-2, he was chosen sealer of leather,

Richard Cheever
1699.

* Mass. Col. Records, v. 341.

† Town Records, ii. 191.

‡ "Dec. 20 [1693] Mr. Barthol. Chever is buried." Sewall's Diary, i. 387.

§ For his dwelling house, see note on page 6.

The "house formerly Gaudy James his" was conveyed by the executors of the will of Bartholomew Cheever to Andrew Rankin, by deed dated July 13, 1694, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 17, fol. 11.

"The Brick house & ground" was on the "street from the Town Dock towards the Starr Tavern" [Union St.], and extended back to the "street leading from the Mill Bridge towards the head of the Town Dock" [Marshall St.]. The testator gave his widow a life estate in it, and provided that when it was sold, his cousin William Phwing should have the refusal of it. The latter bought the estate of the executors, by deed dated June 5, 1703, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 21, fol. 352.

"The house that Rich. Cheever lives in" was in the Conduit Street near the Great Draw Bridge. The land was conveyed to Bartholomew Cheever by several deeds, and the buildings on it having been destroyed by the Great Fire of August, 1679, he erected a wooden dwelling house thereon, which Richard Cheever for many years occupied, and which was devised to him in Bartholomew Cheever's will. Richard Cheever conveyed this estate to John Devine, chyrurgeon, by deed dated June 6, 1704, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 21, fol. 647.

"The pasture neer y^e Mildmaie" was at what is now the corner of Sudbury and Portland Streets. It extended 290 feet on the former, and 54 feet 8 in. on the latter street. The testator devised it to his wife Lydia for her life, and after her death to his "Cousin Ezekiel Cheever schoolmaster." The latter, after the termination of this life estate, conveyed it, by deed dated May 14, 1703, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 21, fol. 324, to William Webster, housewright.

¶ Hall's Journal, pp. 248, 287, and 436.

** Town Records, ii. 156.

†† Town Records, ii. 200, 203.

•• Ibid, ii. 166, 211.

and March 13, 1692-3, constable. In the Council Records,* under date of Feb. 25, 1702, the treasurer was ordered to pay him £4 for his having been sent twice with expresses to Piscataqua. Jan. 7, 1703, he was allowed £8, having been despatched with letters on her Majesty's service five several times from March 10th of that year, once each to Ipswich, Plymouth, Newbury, Piscataqua and New London. Sept. 2d, 1706, there was allowed him the sum of £1: 13 for horse hire, time and expenses for a journey to Dracut to summon Joseph Butterfield and keeping him from speech with other persons.† Administration (No. 3189) on his estate, which was appraised at £2192: 2: 5, was granted Aug. 8, 1709, to his widow Abigail. She died a widow Jan. 21, 1732-3, æt. 73, according to the entry in the Cheever bible, and letters of administration (No. 6373) on her estate were issued Feb. 6, 1732, to her son Bartholomew Cheever. The children of Richard and Abigail, all born in Boston, were:

- i. BARTHOLOMEW, b. Sept. 9, 1681 [d. Sept. 20, 1681].
- ii. SUSANNA, b. Aug. 27, 1682; m. in Boston, January 26, 1709, Robert Rand.
2. iii. BARTHOLOMEW, b. Dec. 2, 1684.
- iv. MARY, b. Dec. 21, 1686 [d. May 16, 1690].
- v. SARAH, b. April 15, 1689; m. in Boston, Oct. 29, 1713, Daniel Pecker.
- vi. MARY, ‡ b. Jan. 2, 1691; m. in Boston, March 25, 1711, Andrew Cunningham.
- vii. ABIGAIL, b. April 7, 1694; d. June 22, 1719.
3. viii. DANIEL, b. Aug. 8, 1696.
- ix. JAMES, b. Nov. 22, 1698 [d. Sept. 9, 1700].
- x. HANNAH, b. Jan. 27, 1699 [d. Sept. 22, 1700].
- xi. HANNAH, b. July 5, 1702 [d. July 11, 1702].

2. BARTHOLOMEW² CHEEVER (*Richard*¹), sugar baker, born in Boston Dec. 2, 1684; m. (1) in Boston, Nov. 5, 1729, Hannah Franklin. She died July 13, 1732, and he m. (2) in Boston, Nov. 15, 1733, Elizabeth Edwards [who died Jan. 28, 1760]. He is styled Capt. Bartholomew Cheever in some documents, and was a mariner,§ then merchant, and afterward sugar refiner. He had a sugar house at the corner of Cambridge and Staniford Streets.¶ At his

Bartholomew Cheever
1734.

* Council Records, II. 410; iii. 6, 317.

† Mass. Col. Records, viii. 241.

‡ The record erroneously gives the name of the mother as Mary instead of Abigail.

§ Boston News Letter, Dec. 15-22, 1712. Boston, Cleared Outward. "Bartholomew Cheever" for Jamaica.

¶ By deeds dated March 12, 1729-30, and May 6, 1731, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 44, fol. 121, and Lib. 45, fol. 245, Francis Welles, of Boston, mariner, conveyed to Bartholomew Cheever, merchant, the estate situated at the westerly corner of Cambridge and Staniford Streets. By deed dated May 27, 1735, recorded Lib. 50, fol. 247, Benjamin Fitch, of Boston, leather dresser, conveyed to him land on Staniford Street, in the rear of this parcel. In his will Bartholomew Cheever makes his nephew, William Downes Cheever, his residuary legatee. William Downes Cheever, by his will, probated Feb. 12, 1788, devised to his daughter Eleanor, "My Estate at the west end of the town, Situated on Cambridge & Staniford Street, dwelling House Sugar House Out Houses &c." She by her will (No. 27488), dated Jan. 2, 1825, probated Feb. 7, 1825, devised all the rest, residue and remainder of her estate to her daughter Eliza Cheever Shattuck, wife of Dr. George Cheyne Shattuck, in fee. Eliza Cheever (Davis) Shattuck died June 15, 1828, intestate, leaving issue three children, two of whom predeceased their father. Dr. Shattuck bought of the West Boston Society, by deed dated March 6, 1811, recorded Lib. 518, fol. 43, land in the rear on Staniford Street, and by his will (No. 3906), dated July 12, 1817, probated March 27, 1854, gave Amelia H. Shattuck, his wife by a second marriage, a life estate in "so much of the land, mansion house and appurtenances, situate in Staniford Street in said Boston (where we now reside), as I shall own, and we shall use and occupy at the time of

warehouse at the lower end of King Street, now State Street, the great fire of 1760 was stopped.* His will (No. 15107), dated Aug. 11, 1761, was probated April 17, 1772. He left no issue.

3. DANIEL² CHEEVER (*Richard¹*), housewright, born in Boston, Aug. 8, 1696; m. in Boston, Nov. 1, 1717, Mary Downes, daughter of William Downes; and d. in Boston [Dec. 18, 1770]. Administration (No. 14945) on his estate was granted, May 31, 1771, to his eldest son William Downes Cheever. Children, all born in Boston:

4. i. WILLIAM DOWNES, b. July 18, 1720.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 4, 1722; d. in Princeton, May 1, 1771.
5. iii. RICHARD, } twins, b. Oct. 30, 1724.
- iv. BARTHOLOMEW, }
6. v. BARTHOLOMEW, b. Jan. 25, 1726.
- vi. REBECCA, b. May 28, 1729; m. (pub. Dec. 20, 1752) Thomas Pymn.
- vii. MARY, b. Sept. 18, 1732; d. in Taunton [Aug. 7, 1775].
- viii. SARAH, b. June 2, 1735; m. in Boston, September 23, 1781, Edward Carnes, and died a widow in [Boston, Oct. 31] 1782.

4. WILLIAM DOWNES³ CHEEVER (*Daniel² Richard¹*), sugar baker, b. in Boston July 18, 1720; m. in Boston, May 5, 1749, Elizabeth Edwards. He was sometimes styled Captain, and was at first a mariner, then merchant, afterwards sugar-boiler or sugar refiner. He was among the Sons of Liberty who

W^m Downes Cheever

dined, Aug. 14, 1769, at Liberty Tree, Dorchester,† but the Council‡ of Massachusetts ordered his arrest April 5, 1776, as a Loyalist. He died [Feb. 2, 1788], and his will (No. 19009), dated Jan. 23, 1788, was probated Feb. 12, 1788. Administration (No. 21699) on the estate of Elizabeth Cheever, his widow, who died June 28, 1802, was granted, July 12, 1802, to John Derby. Children, all born in Boston, according to the Boston records, were:

- i. ELEANOR, b. Feb. 1, 1749; bapt. West Ch. March 4, 1749-50; m. in Boston, Sept. 3, 1787, Hon. Caleb Davis.§

my decease," and made his son Dr. George Cheyne Shattuck, Jr., his residuary legatee. The latter, by deed dated Dec. 7, 1866, recorded Lib. 890, fol. 205, conveyed to his son Dr. George Bruce Shattuck (Harvard Coll. 1864) a part of the land with two brick dwelling houses thereon, fronting on Cambridge Street, adjoining land of the West Boston Society, and now owns the rest of the estate. The mansion house on the corner of Cambridge and Stamford Streets is no longer the family residence. It was for several years occupied as a banking house by the West Boston Savings Bank, and is now used for business purposes. The estate has been for a century and a half in the possession of the same family.

* My deed dated Dec. 22, 1744, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 69, fol. 143, Middlecott Cooke, of Boston, gentleman, surviving executor of the will of the Hon. Elisha Cooke, deceased, conveyed for £1150 to Bartholomew Cheever, merchant, land and warehouse at the lower end of King Street. Like the other estate, this warehouse and land passed, under the residuary clause in Bartholomew Cheever's will, to his nephew William Downes Cheever, who devised it to his daughter Eleanor Davis. She, by deed dated Dec. 13, 1804, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 210, fol. 155, conveyed it, for the consideration of \$6000, to Rufus Greene Amory, Esq., Benjamin Bussey and James Lloyd, Jr., merchants. They, with other grantors, conveyed it with other lands, by deed dated March -, 1805, recorded Lib. 213, fol. 197, to the Broad Street Association.

An account of the great fire of March 20, 1760, written for the "Boston Post Boy & Advertiser" for March 24, 1760, by William Cooper, the town clerk, was reprinted in the REGISTER for July, 1890 (xxxiv. 288).

† Proceedings Mass. Hist. Soc., 1869-70.

‡ Mass. Archives, cliv. 39. See also Sabine's American Loyalists, ii. 495.

§ The Hon. Caleb Davis died July 6, 1797. His widow Eleanor died Jan. 28, 1825. Their children, both born in Boston, were:

- ii. WILLIAM, b. July 27, 1752; graduated at Harvard College 1771; d. in Boston Dec. 2, 1786.
- iii. BARTHOLOMEW, b. July 4, 1757 [d. Oct. 30, 1757].
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 29, 1758; bapt. Nov. 26 (*sic*) 1758, West Ch.; m. (1) in Boston, Oct. 2, 1777, Nathaniel Peirce; m. (2) in Boston, Oct. 9, 1787, Capt. John Derby, of Salem; and d. Sept. 11, 1831.

5. RICHARD³ CHEEVER (*Daniel² Richard¹*), born in Boston, Oct. 30, 1721. In a deed dated Aug. 7, 1762 (Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 98, fol. 145), he styles himself of Princeton District, Worcester County, husbandman. He had a wife Rebecca and left issue. Mr. Phineas E. Gregory, of Princeton, says that Richard and Rebecca Cheever both died in Princeton, the former May 6, 1789, aged 66, the latter November 20, 1797, aged 72. I am indebted to Mr. Gregory for much information concerning their descendants, who are numerous, and some of whom are still living in Princeton, but the length of this article, which has already exceeded the prescribed limits, forbids the following of this line any further.

6. BARTHOLOMEW³ CHEEVER (*Daniel² Richard¹*), born in Boston, Jan. 25, 1726; married in Boston, June 13, 1749, Hannah Powell. In a deed dated Jan. 24, 1764 (Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 101, fol. 126), he styles himself of Boston, "Housewright and Mariner." His sister Sarah Carnes, widow of Edward Carnes, ropemaker, in her will (No. 17822), dated Oct.

- i. Eliza Cheever Davis, b. [Jan. 9, 1790]; bapt. Hollis St. Church Jan. 10, 1790; m. in Boston, Oct. 3, 1811, Dr. George Cheyne Shattuck, and d. June 15, 1828.
- ii. John Derby Davis, b. [March 4, 1792]; bapt. Hollis St. Church March 4, 1792; entered the freshman class of Harvard College in 1803, but died in Boston Dec. 11, 1809, before graduation.

The children of Dr. George Cheyne Shattuck and Eliza Cheever (Davis) Shattuck, all born in Boston, were:

- i. George Cheyne Shattuck, b. July 22, 1813; bapt. West Church Aug. 29, 1813; m. in Baltimore, April 9, 1840, Anne H. Brune of Baltimore.
- ii. John Derby Shattuck, b. Feb. 21, 1815; bapt. West Church March 26, 1815; d. Aug. 14, 1816.
- iii. Caleb Davis Shattuck, b. Dec. 18, 1816; bapt. West Church Feb. 2, 1817; died Jan. 14, 1820.
- iv. Eleanor Elizabeth Shattuck, b. Jan. 27, 1819; bapt. West Church May 2, 1819; d. Jan. 5, 1842.
- v. Lucy Cheever Shattuck, b. Jan. 29, 1823; bapt. West Church March 22, 1823; d. Dec. 22, 1835.
- vi. John Derby Shattuck, b. May 22, 1825; bapt. West Church July 17, 1825; d. Jan. 28, 1826.

Dr. Frederick Cheever Shattuck, to whom I am indebted for these last dates, which agree with those published in the Shattuck Memorial, assures me that they are correct, although they differ in several instances from those to be found in the public records. The condition of the records of Boston births, deaths, and marriages has long been a reproach to the city. The present City Registrar is now seeking to remedy the shortcomings of his predecessors. A comparison of some of the records of marriages with the original returns made by the ministers who solemnized them, has revealed an astonishing number of inexcusable errors in the records, indicating gross carelessness on the part of those who have had charge of them. All the records in the department should at once be subjected to the same critical examination.

But these records however much they may be revised and corrected, will continue to be sealed books to the inquirer, unless they are provided with proper indices. Notwithstanding the great advance made of late years in the methods of indexing, notwithstanding the improved systems now in use in so many public offices, it is scarcely credible that the antiquated and interminable "alphabets," which wearied the patience and injured the eyesight of our grandfathers, and which have been the subject of so much complaint, are still used in the City Registrar's department. There is no excuse for this. The growth of the city, and the consequently great increase in the number of entries in the records, imperatively demand improved methods of getting at the contents of the volumes. A consolidated index, classified according to christian and surnames, of all the births, deaths and marriages in Boston, from the beginning to the year 1849, should at once be made, and the classification should then be extended to all subsequent years. The marked superiority of the Charlestown records, and the striking contrast they afford to those of Boston proper, in this respect, are apparent to every one who has had occasion to examine them.

19, 1782, probated Nov. 12, 1782, leaves a small legacy to her brother Bartholomew Cheever, if living, or if dead to his son Bartholomew. A Bartholomew Cheever and Margaret Wagner were married in Boston, May 27, 1770. Child of Bartholomew and Hannah, born in Boston:

- i. BARTHOLOMEW, b. March 31, 1750.

